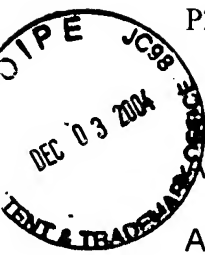


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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 6, 2004 and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant hereby brings the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application.

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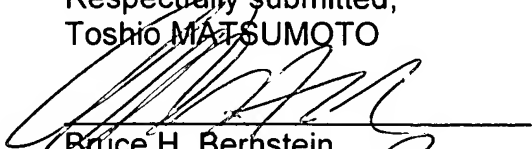
Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicant notes that while this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months from the filing date, Applicant has not received an action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3).

However, if an action on the merits has been mailed prior to the filing date of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant hereby authorizes the charging of any required fees necessary for consideration of the documents cited herein to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

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